# Star Outfielder Puts Indians On Ball Map

Speaker Much Better Player on Defensive Than the Great Ty

By W. J. MACBETH

Some baseball clubs, like individuals, are just born lucky. The Red Sox, for instance, world's champions and fighting for a third consecutive pennant. There is a club lucky enough to go on after losing its most valuable asset. No, not losing, but selling, for a rec-

They did say the Red Sox would all to smithereens without Tris Speaker. But the Hub outfit was good enough to spare the king of outfielders, and profited doubly by the sale, in that and profited doubly by the sale, in that Speaker made of the Cleveland Indians a pennant contender last year. And pennant contender the Indians still remain, and will remain so long as Speaker is able to stand up to the plate or run the hundred yards within two seconds of what he can now show.

Speaker, in many respects, is a greater ball player than Ty Cobb. Certainly he is far better defensively. He will cover acres more ground, and do it gracefully; he can throw much better and more accurately than Cobb.

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Offensively, Tris is almost the equal of Ty. He has not the wonderful speed of the Georgian, and therefore has to hit more cleanly to get his base knocks. He is neither so daring nor so flashy on the base paths as the temperamental Tiger. Yet it is questionable if Speaker's superior defensive ability does not pretty nearly offset Cobb's superiority of offence.

In the opinion of the smartest baseball generals of the last ten years, Ty Cobb is the wonder of the game. It is generally conceded he is and has been the greatest all round player of history. It is equally true that Speaker has been and is the greatest defensive outfielder of all time. This opinion is based on the sound judgment of old-timers who were familiar with Bill Lang, who was considered the king of gardeners till Speaker won his niche in the hall of fame.

Also the question is open to debate whether or not Tris Speaker is as great an influence for good with the individual club as is even the mighty Cobb. The two are of opposite types. Ty is all nervous energy, hot tempered and inconsiderate of everything but his personal might. Ambition, relentlessly pursued, has carried him to the

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top year after year in almost every department of playing value. Until Speaker last year snatched the batting crown from Tyrus, the Geor-gian Peach for nine consecutive sea-

gian Peach for nine consecutive seasons had won the slugging laurels of
organized baseball. He had annexed
meat of the other titles, too—base
running, run getting, runs batted in.
Speaker, in his might, always has
been considerate of the rights of
others. He has never been known to
usurp his rights to the base path when
such usurpation hazarded the life and
limb of a rival. Speaker, like Wagner,
would sacrifice his base-running record
to spare a rival guardian of the paths
from the cold steel. Speaker, therefore,
is one of the most highly respected
and generally beloved players of the
game.

### Has Inspired Fear

b sacrifices his chances to no-Indeed, many times he has been accused of cutting down infielders wil-fully and needlessly. There is little doubt that Cobb often gets away with daring base-running achievements be-

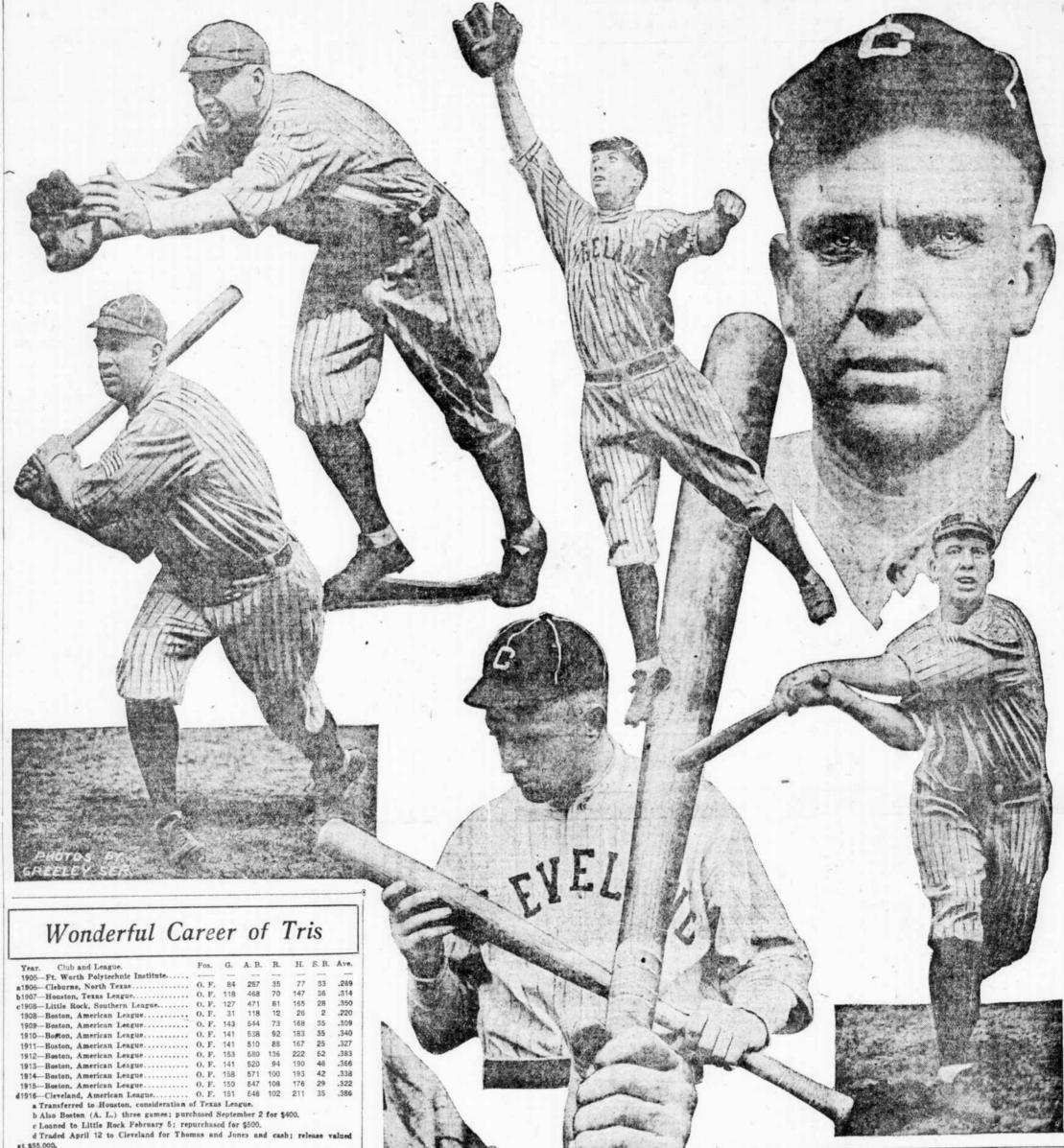
Of the two, Speaker, perhaps, has the to consider himself more of a made player. Tris always has been self-made player. Tris always has been the king-pin slugger of his immediate associates. During his long affiliation with the wonderful Red Sox he stood as a hitter head and shoulders above his teammates. Cobb always has had at his back a helper of almost equal deadly accuracy with the stick.

For years it was Wahoo Sam Craw. ford, who always could hit a ball far greater accuracy and force than free the mighty Ty. Had Sam pos-sensed Ty's phenomenal speed he would have discounted Cobb 100 points to dim and his muscles to lose their resiliency Bobby Veach was ready to the into the breach. Cobb always has had that combination of power which served to enhance his individual ability to the highest possible degree. Not

so Tris Speaker. The Texan always has had to stand on his own feet.

There is no doubt Speaker is the Bearest approach to Cobb. Tris has haver failed to hit better than 300 since here. since he earned a regular berth in fast company. Had Tris gone to the Na-tlemal League it is probable that to-tay he would be considered the peer of Highle Jennings's all-round per-former. Last season Speaker, after line attempts, succeeded in snatching the batting crown from Tyrus. He

# Tris Speaker and His Big War Club That Speaks Columns



### Attracts Giants' Manager

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Mike Finn, a bosom friend of McGraw, was manager of the Little Rock team. The Giants played in Little Rock that year on the way home from Marlin. The New York manager was simply captivated with the work of Speaker. He asked Finn to name a Speaker. He asked Finn to name a But on other days I find eighteen holes.

of the Southern League. John I. Taylor owned the Boston club at that time, and because of a certain laxity of office management his title to Speaker was sacrificed through failure to have Tris's name placed on Boston's reserve list. Tris has had his turn on the cattle ranges, and can ride on rope with the

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LEVY MANOR, Solomon County, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Me and Sol
and Moe and Milton is up here on account of the draft. I got flat feet,

Sol can't see so good, Moe he's got his mother to support him, and Milton

Levy his his husiness to make the second series of the sec couldn't leave his business to go to war on account of being rushed. So Baseball Gains Hold all of us got to claim extermination and maybe go before the extermination

If you should see Jakie Ruppertstein tell him that I got flat feet and that they are getting flatter all the time on account of the war. Jakie

I.ONDON, Aug. 11.—Baseball has gripped England, particularly in and around the London district, with such Ruppertstein he should be able to fix it because he is a colonel in the army or something, and he knows I couldn't march with flat feet.

I see by the papers that the Yankish team of baseballers ain't doing around the London district, with such vim and depth that it has easily out-rivalled all other outdoor sports at the present time. While it has been played for several years by many of the London don soccer football clubs, not as an at-

such a good business yet out at the Polish grounds. Maybe that's in training during the summer months, on account of the draft, too. I had to come up here and let the business in training during the summer months, it appears certain, from the patronage go all to pieces until it is all over.

What I want to say about this drafting business is, why don't they draft a lot of these box fighters, who are fighters and loafers, anyhow? Why should it be that Izzy Kaplan, who never hit anybody a smesh in the face, should go and poke an eye out of the Kaiser, when Jess Willardstein, who is the biggest loafer of a box fighter in the world, should do a good business with a circus firm?

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Then there is Benny Leonard, he is a box fighter, ain't he? He said Cricket Club, to see a game between that he would take a job in the army right away six months ago, but he picked teams of Canadians and Ameriain't wearing a suit of army goods yet, is he? He says he will make the cans, which resulted in a win for the Kaiser sore by giving 2 per cent from the part fight when the Kaiser sore by giving 2 per cent from the next fight when the expenses is all out to the Reddish Cross. If Benny Leonard and Jess Willardstein, who is loafers and box fighters, anyhow, ain't sore at the Kaiser, why should I be? I can't neglect my business any more than them two loafers.

I see that there is nothing doing yet in the Muksi McGraw business.

The National League of baseballers wouldn't do nothing until after the war, nerhans. Maybe Muksi should be drafted, and Heinie Zimmerstein,

signee of a claim held by Vincent Campbell for \$8,268 for breach of con- war, perhaps. Maybe Muksi should be drafted, and Heinie Zimmerstein, too. If Heinie Zimmerstein is drafted I hope the extermination board don't let him get out of it. He is too fresh, and I say let him get fresh with

Let me know as soon as this drafting business is over, and if you should see anybody on the extermination board tell them that it is a shame how flat Izzy's feet is. You can't make my feet too flat, you understand, when you are talking to the extermination board fellers. Also tell Jakie Ruppertstein that I got the flattest foot in the world, and I couldn't join

General Schuman said a faceful about the war business. I guess he IZZY KAPLAN. Somewhere in Solomon County, N. Y.

(Per W. O. M'GEEHAN.)

# Leader Moran Creates Nine From Misfits

Phillie Manager Accomplishes Wonders With Lot of Cast-off Players

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.-Every once in a while some one wonders why Pat Moran, of the Phillies, isn't considered one of the greatest of baseball managers, thereby giving Pat more consideration for what he has done than any other man in baseball. Pat, in fact, is the recipient of more

favorable publicity than any other man in the two major leagues. No one ever writes or says anything bad about him. He always is referred to as a jolly Irishman, ready to talk and smile while he's doing it.

Moran's accomplishments this year Moran's accomplishments this year in throwing his team into a hot race with the Giants for the leadership of the National League is worthy of more consideration, perhaps, than any stunt he has pulled since he supplanted Charles Dooin as a leader of the Quakers. He has done more with a team of has beens and misfits than the New York Giants have accomplished with a high-salaried team of stars.

### Make Good Showing

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The Giants were expected by a majority of critics to have it all settled and laid away along about this date. But they haven't done it yet, and indications right now point to anything but a pleasant journey for Herzog et al. the rest of the season.

Pat Moran's infield, composed of ancient Fred Luderus, Castoff Bert Niehoff, Rookie McGaffigan or Competent Dave Bancroft and Castoff Milton Stock, is the main reason why, when rated alongside Grover Alexander. These two things, backed with the comeback of Gavvy Cravath, the continued good baseball of Dode Paskert and George Whitted, tell why the Phillies are whooping things up.

The Phillies would not be so good in a world series as the Giants, for the Giants consist of, men who would be practically unbeatable in a world's series. But it's going to take a lot of baseball and a lot of hard fighting to keep Pat Moran from taking the race right down into the homestretch. Next year Pat will be counted a stronger factor.

# Newark 'Tabs' Win Diocesan Honors

Father Mathew's T. A. B. S., of Newark, took first honors in the twentyark, took first honors in the twentythird annual track and field games of
the Catholic Young Men's Diocesan
Union held at Hillside Park, Belleville,
Newark, yesterday afternoon. The
"Tabs" romped off with first place by
scoring 41 points, while the St. Josephs,
of West New York, in second place,
only tallied 17 points. St. Rose of
Lima's, which was third, scored 11
points.

points.

Eddie Garcey, who ran for "Tabs," won the one-mile handicap from scratch, beating out Joe McSorley and Frank Zuna. Garvey's time of 4 minutes 31 4-5 seconds was considered exceptionally good for the rough dirt track. Garvey also ran the last leg of the medley relay race, which the "Tabs" won, and pulled through with a victory. On the winning team with him were Charley Walsha, Gus Desch and Mike Doyle.

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# On British Populace

## Frances Wins Yacht Race

east breeze was blowing as the nine racers got away at 3:49. The Frances soon gained the lead and was never headed.

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